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'Streamlining' proposal prompts concern

The City of Romulus is looking to streamline the development process, but the latest proposed changes to current procedures drew some concern from city council members.

The proposed amendments would have granted final approval authority for some special land uses to the Romulus Planning Commission, which is an appointed body, not an elected one. The zoning changes would allow the commission to grant final approval on some low-intensity uses, including assisted living centers, day care centers as well as drive-through uses and vehicle uses in the Central Business District and commercial areas, to name a few.

> *"The planning commission, although they do a wonderful job, but they don't have to answer to the people like we do.*

"This is a process we've been looking at for several years," said City Planner Carol Maise. Earlier this year, the city decided to follow the Redevelopment Ready Community program through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and Maise said the special land use approval process was one issue that group cited.

Currently, the planning commission hosts a public hearing on special land uses before commissioners rule on them. Commissioners approval, however, sends the project to the city council members for a final vote. Maise said the new proposal would skip that final step on some uses, but still require council approval for large scale developments as well as adult entertainment projects, racetracks or casinos, long-term parking and waste handling and disposal, among others.

She said sending the lower impact uses to the council adds time to a developers' schedule. She also noted that the council has not made any changes to the special land use requests that have come before them in the last seven or eight years.

"All they've done is add on three or four weeks to the developers' time," she said. "It does take longer.

"This maintains the integrity of the process, which is the pub-

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The Clivia Dance Group

Cultural exchange

International Festival set for Saturday

A celebration of diversity through music, dance, and drama from around the world is planned next week when the International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton this Saturday.

This annual cultural and educational festival celebrates the diversity of Canton and surrounding communities through song and dance on the main stage of The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

This year, featured performers include: Hoaloha Polynesian, New Zealand and Tahitian Dance directed by Melanee Hirvela; Sunshine Children's Choir featuring directors Howard Zhang and Sherry Yan; Ann Hua Waist Drum Team; The Tim O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance of Ann Arbor and Plymouth; Spring Group of PCCLC; Kuchipudi Dance Group, directed by Sailaja Pullela; Canton Summit Dance Team; Michigan New Century Chinese School (MNCCS); Ann Arbor Li Ren Dance Team; Ebony Copper - Native American Flute with Wanda and Ron Jones; Anna Ballet and Dance with choreographer Anna Lou; Asian Indian Dance of Canton, choreographer Parul Shah; Inner-Action Dance, choreographer Sharon Kang; Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team; Sunshine Chinese Dance Troupe; Peking Opera Club; Polish National Centennial Dancers, Lodge #53; Pipa soloist Angela Bolon (student of Yuchen Tian); Joyas de Mexico Ballet under the direction of Luly del Real; Sitar performance by Naveen Jackson, student of Manjula Verma; Yangtze Melody Group with Hua Qing Dance Group; Clivia Dance Group featuring choreography of Jessie Li and the Bollyburn Dancers.

Cultural exhibits will be featured in the Village Theater lobby during the event, with some items available for purchase. There will also be an International Sweets Table where favorite International desserts from local stores and bakeries will be offered at a nominal price.

The festival will continue from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 and is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

Tickets are $2 per person at the door; cash only. Audience members can have their hand stamped and come and go as they please throughout the day. Seating for this main stage production is general admission.

For more information about the Canton International Festival, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

The Ann Hua Waist Drum Team

Legion offering banners

War has touched every neighborhood in our country as young men and women in the armed forces fight for American freedoms.

The American Legion Westland Post 251 is hoping to bring that message of patriotism to local neighborhoods with the availability of Blue Star Banners which can be displayed in the window or at the home of any family with a member currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.

The Blue Star Service banner is an American tradition, according to a prepared statement from Post Commander Bill Acton. The banner was designed and patented by a World War II officer in 1917 and quickly began the unofficial symbol of a child in the service, Acton explained. Blue Star Service Banners, while widely used across America during the first and second world wars, were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam conflicts with nearly the same enthusiasm, he said.

"The American Legion has rekindled the program. Now, as the long and difficult 'War on Terrorism' continues, the Blue Star Banner tradition reminds us all that the war touches every neighborhood in our country," Acton said.

"The banner lets others know that someone in the home is current serving in the U.S. armed forces," he said. The American Legion Post will present a Blue Star Banner to any family at no cost. To obtain a banner, Acton suggests a family member call (734)776-5491.

There is also a Gold Star Banner that can be displayed by any family who has lost a member while serving in the armed forces.

Currently, the Westland post is in need of a temporary building or home the veterans could maintain including minor repair work, if needed, painting, maintenance of a parking lot and/or yard work.

The group would also pay utility bills at the home or building. Acton noted that the veterans are in need of assistance in finding a location for the post operations. Anyone who may be able to help the veterans group is asked to contact.

Canton - Northville

Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving Day run set in Canton

Area runners can work up an appetite for a good cause Thanksgiving morning by running or walking in Canton Leisure Services 15th Annual Turkey Trot for a Cause starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23.

All ages can join in the fight against epilepsy by taking part in the chip-timed 5K race or 1-mile fun run that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals with seizure disorders. This year, key sponsors include: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; IHA of Canton; The John and Dawn Savona Family and Gazelle Sports Northville.

The race will start at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, and will cover a flat course that winds through Pheasant Run Golf course, Heritage Park and end back at the Summit.

"Canton's Turkey Trot has become a real tradition for many families, staying healthy and supporting a great cause," said Ann-Marie Carravallah, recreation coordinator.

"This year's event marks the 15th anniversary with Justin Murray as the Grand Marshal. This race was born in 2003 after Justin was diagnosed with epilepsy and his parents, Michael and Terri Murray, wanted to do something to help in the fight against epilepsy. Justin has been seizure free since his brain surgery in 2007 to remove a growth that was causing the seizures. Now in college and playing soccer for the UD Mercy Titans, Justin continues to give back by supporting and volunteering at the Canton Turkey Trot as well as volunteering at the Foundation's office in Southfield.

The Turkey Trot has raised more than $200,000 during the past 15 years and Canton is proud to host this event," Carravallah said.

Pre-registration is available online at csc.canton-mi.org until midnight, Sunday, Nov. 20. Registration fees are $25 for the chipped 5K race and $15 for the 1-mile fun run.

Participants can pick up shirts and bibs starting Friday, Nov. 17 at Gazelle Sports at 39737 Traditions Dr, Northville, during regular store hours. After Sunday, pick-up will re-open from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 in the Summit Banquet and Conference Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

For race/walk event information, including course map, visit csc.canton-mi.org or call (734) 483-5600.

Northville voters OK school district bond proposal

Ken Roth, who was unopposed, garnered a total of 1,236 votes in his bid for a second 2-year term as mayor of Northville.

Also unopposed was Sam Ekong, an incumbent member of the city council who received 1,075 supporting his return to the office. Also unopposed in his bid for a term on the city council was Patrick Giesa, a retired computer sales representative, who received 1,079 votes.

Only an estimated 25 percent of registered city voters participated in the election.

Voters supported the bond proposal from the Northville Public Schools with 63 percent or 5,483 of voters approving the request. No votes totaled 3,276 or 37 percent of the votes on the question.

Approval of the question will allow the school district to borrow not more than $104,850,000 to be used for erecting, furnishing and equipping school facilities, purchasing and installing instructional technology and purchasing school buses. The funding will also be used to pay for improvements and equipment at playgrounds, sites and athletic fields and facilities.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will be holding a **Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget** on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor Board Meeting Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to the hearing date. A copy of the 2018 Budget will be available for public inspection in the Township's Clerk's Office.

Michael A. Siegrist,
Canton Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING

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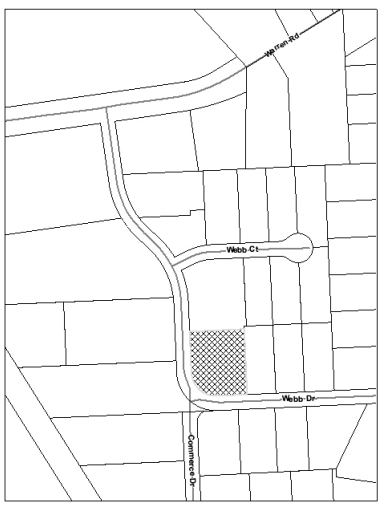
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., December 5, 2017.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.



Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 4, 2017 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING SECTION 6.09D.1, FIGURE 1 AMENDING THE APPLICABLE AREA OF THE VILLAGE CORE AND VILLAGE EDGE AREAS IN THE CHERRY HILL VILLAGE OVERLAY DISTRICT BY INCORPORATING PARCEL NOS. 073 99 0001 706, 073 99 0001 708 AND 073 99 0005 718 INTO THE VILLAGE CORE AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 30, 2017 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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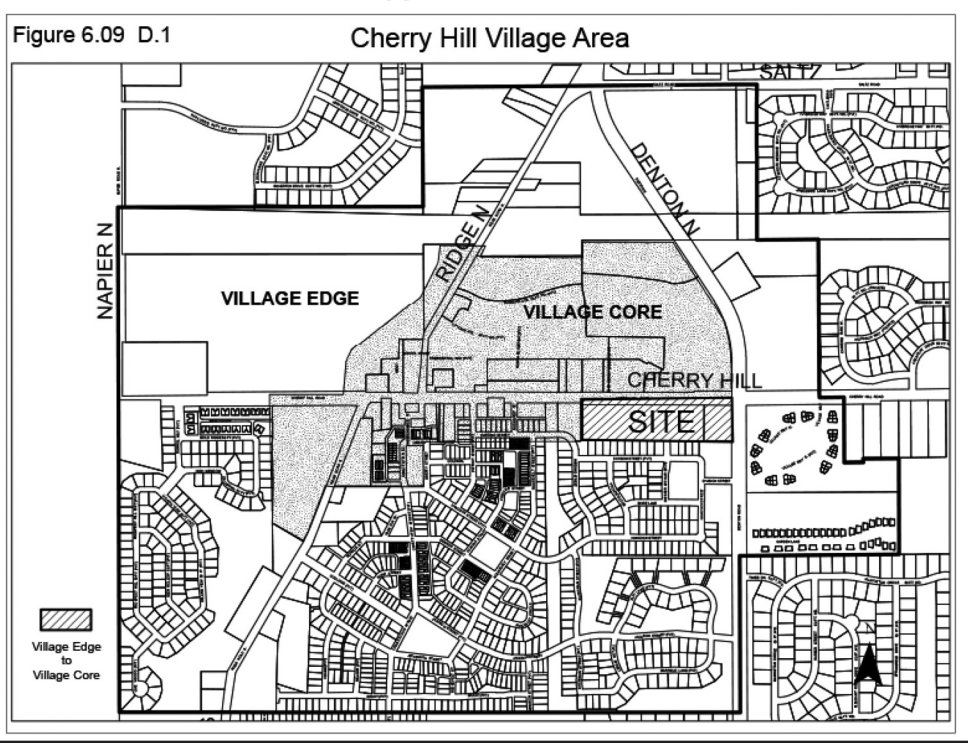

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CANTON MICHIGAN AVENUE DEVELOPMENT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE ALL OF PARCEL NO. 133 02 0040 010 AND PART OF 133 02 0040 011 FROM C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL TO LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 133 02 0040 011 AND THE NORTHERN PART OF PARCEL NO. 133 02 0040 008 FROM LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located south of Michigan and east of Sheldon Road.

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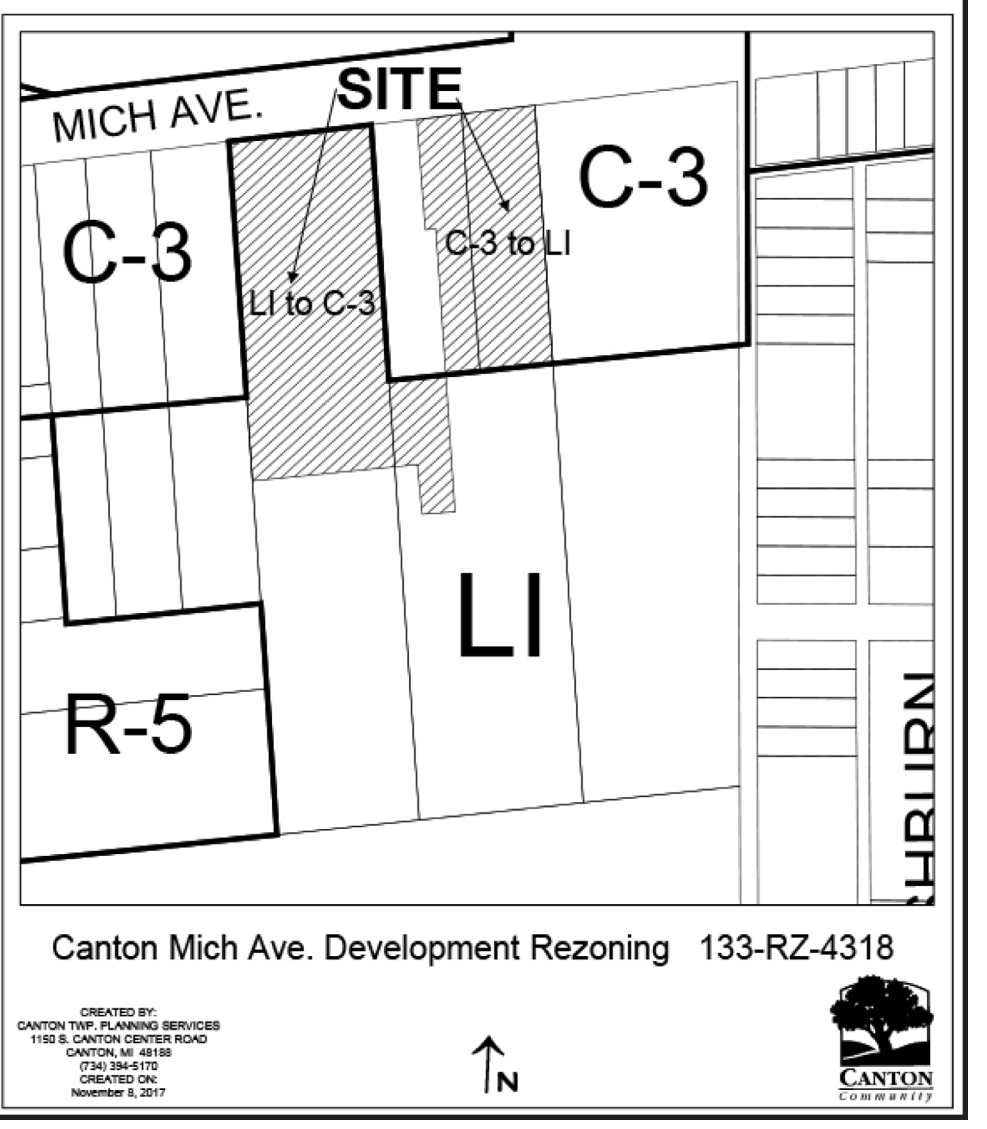

WAYNE - WESTLAND

Wild is re-elected, voters choose council

Incumbent Mayor William R. Wild was the choice of voters during the balloting in Westland last week. Wild defeated challenger Kevin Coleman, a former city councilman by a margin of just over 2,000 votes. Wild was the choice of 7,345 or 57 percent of the voters while Coleman received 5,336, votes, or 42 percent.

Newcomers will fill three of the four terms on the ballot, with only one incumbent returned for another term.

The top vote getter was first-time candidate James Hart with 14.7 percent or 5,973 votes followed by another first-time candidate, Tasha Green who received 5,536 or 13.6 percent of the votes cast. Each will now serve a 4-year city council term.

Incumbent Peter Herzberg was re-elected for a 4-year term, finishing third with 5,486 votes. Michael Londeau, also a first-time candidate, won a 2-year term with 5,194 votes or 12.8 percent of the total.

Veteran City Councilman Michael Kehrer who has served on the council for 16 years, finished with 5,169 votes, putting him in fifth place for the four available terms. Debra Fowlkes, a former Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education member, received 4,678 votes; Timothy Gilbert received 4,374 votes and former Councilwoman Meriem Kadi garnered a total of 4,229 votes.

> *I urge all Westland residents to help be a part of the solution. We have proven in the past that when all sides work together real progress can be made.*

Wild, mayor of the city for 10 years, said he was grateful for the vote of confidence from the residents and the support of so many people in the city.

"I am beyond grateful for everyone's support in this year's election.

"I am proud to be your mayor and have an opportunity to lead Westland for four more years. I congratulate all the city council candidates that were elected and look forward to working with all of them in the new year. Now more than ever it's important we all work together to find real solutions to the challenges facing our city.

"This is an exciting time in Westland as our city continues to transform and redevelop. I urge all Westland residents to help be a part of the solution. We have proven in the past that when all sides work together real progress can be made," Wild said..

"Thank you again Westland, for all your support and I look forward to continuing to serve you for the next four years," he concluded.

Holiday parade planned

The official holiday tree lighting ceremony in Wayne is planned for 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Wayne Historical Museum.

The event, part of the Holiday Night at the Museum, is being organized by members of the Wayne Historical Society. The evening will include the tree lighting performed this year by local Realtor Pat Rice, the 2017 winner of the Diamond of the Community Award in the city.

Santa Claus will arrive in a horse-drawn wagon and be presented the key to the city. He will then be available to pose for photographs with area children. There will be crafts for youngsters and the Wayne Memorial High School Marching Band and Choir will entertain along with music groups from several local churches. A petting farm will be on site during the event and wagon rides will be available.

Cookies and hot chocolate will be served around a Community Fire Pit.

Last year, between 600-800 people attended the event, noted Ann Podolski Zimmerman, president of the Wayne Historical Society. Of that estimated total, about 250-300 were children, she added.

Donations are now being sought to help fund the event and those who contribute will be listed as a community partner during the event in promotional materials and all social media communications used to promote the event, estimated to cost about $6,000

Several levels of sponsorship are available, included the diamond level contribution of $2,500, emerald level contribution of $1,000 and sapphire level donation of $500. Ruby level contributions of sponsorship are available at $250 and pearl level sponsors donate $100. Any money donated that exceeds the expenditures this year will be used as seed money for the event next year, Poldolski-Zimmerman said. Gifts for children to be used as prizes for ticket drawings are also being sought.

Donations will be accepted at the museum through Nov. 30, at one Towne Square, Wayne, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursdays. Donations can be mailed to the Wayne Historical Society, P.O. Box 486, Wayne, Michigan 48184. Checks should be made payable to The Wayne Historical Society.

Recycling shows savings

Westland has seen a $1.5 million savings since the inception of the award-winning recycling program in the city, according to the Westland Mission:Green team.

The recycling program began in 2009 and the savings has been calculated since that time.

"Westland's single stream curbside recycling program has diverted over 80 million pounds of trash away from the landfill in the last eight years," remarked Westland Mayor William R. Wild. "The commodity markets have fluctuated over that time period but the program continues to save Westland taxpayers money and helps the environment by lowering the city's carbon footprint."

The program boasts a 78 percent participation rate and recycling is picked up on a bi-weekly basis from 25,000 single-family homes in the city, according to a prepared release.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2017
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2017 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1561, R78-050-01-0162-000, 48601 Normandy CT, R-1-H zoning district: is requesting one variance to construct an addition on a corner lot in the sideyard with a setback of nineteen .59 feet (19.59) whereas thirty-five feet (35) is required. *Variance requested is fifteen .41 feet (15.41).*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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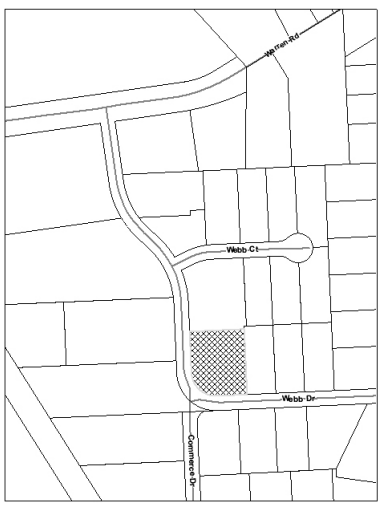

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Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, **on November 28th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

SMOKE DETECTORS

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 22 11/6/17

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
182: Minutes of regular meeting on 10/16/17.
- All American Cruise 7/14/18.
- WC LightFest 11/16/17 @ 6:30 p.m., Hines @ Merriman Rd.
- Bid for Friendship Ctr. Floor Tile Replacement Project to Wilkins Floor Covering, amt. $44,272.50.
- Bid for JBCVC HVAC improvements to Temperature Svcs. Inc., amt. $65,000.
- 3 yr. contract ext. w/L.S. Cleaning Inc., for City Hall Janitorial Svcs., amt. $$33,948/yr.
- Adopted LD Resolution-PID #045-01-0427-000 & -0428-000, e. side of Walton, s. of Ford Rd., w. of Wayne Rd.
- Adopted LD Resolution, PID #072-99-0003-705, nw corner of MI Ave., & Henry Ruff.
- Adopted NSP Resolution for disposition of 1 property.
- Placement of 2017 Winter Hazard/Board-Up Fees on 2017 winter tax bills.
- Proclaimed 11/25/17, "Small Business Saturday" in the City of Westland.

183: Adoption of Resolution re. Long-Term Maintenance of Sanitary Connection to Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System.
184: Appr. request for Closed Study Session 11/20/17 at 6:30 p.m. re. pending litigation.
185: Appr. checklist: $3,781,447.04.
Mtg. adj. at 7:43 p.m.

James Godbout
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Autobahn - 6388 Inkster
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017** for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider the following variance:

A variance from Section 13.02(c) and Section 11.12(b)(4) to allow a reduction in the required 75-foot front setback, consistent with the existing nonconforming setback, to allow for an expansion of the truck staging area.

The subject property is located at 6388 Inkster. DP#82-80-001-99-0011-000

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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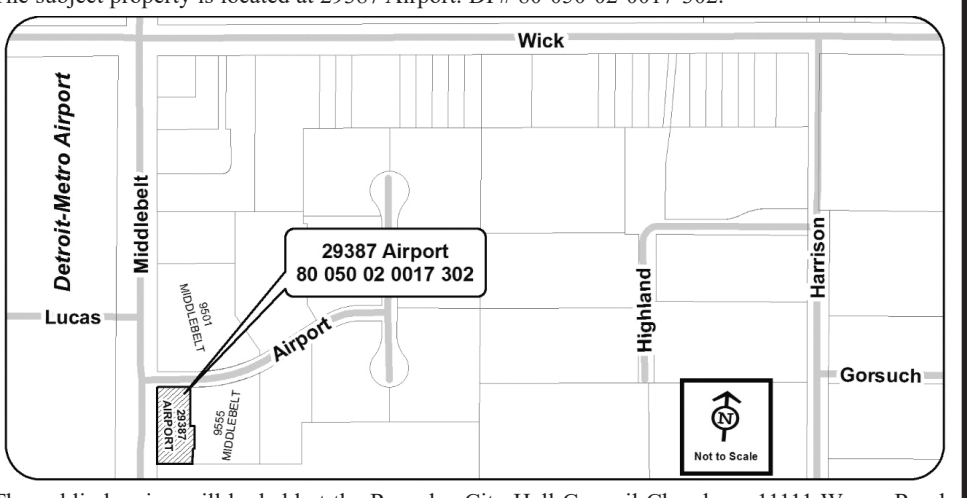
CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITIONAL REZONING AND SPECIAL LAND USE
Hamdan Gas Station - 29387 Airport
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017** for the purpose of considering RZ-2017-005; Hamdan Gas Station, a proposed amendment to the City of Romulus Zoning Map to conditionally rezone the property from the current designation of C-2, General Business District to C-3, Highway Business District and SLU-2017-002; Hamdan Gas Station, a special land use request for a new gas station with a convenience store at the former Denny's Restaurant property.

The subject property is located at 29387 Airport. DP# 80-050-02-0017-302.



The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Belleville - Romulus

Voters choose mayor, city council, treasurer

Belleville

Voters in Belleville chose Jesse Marcotte and Thomas Fielder to serve on the city council during the Nov. 7 balloting.

Marcotte, 34, won the most votes with a total of 214, or 27 percent of the total vote. He was appointed to fill a vacancy on the council last November and was a first-time candidate for office.

Fielder, 72, received 185 votes, or 23 percent of the total votes. He is a lifelong resident of the city and is retired from a teaching position at Belleville High School. He earned his bachelor of arts degree at the University of Michigan. Fielder formerly served as mayor of Belleville and has been on the city council since 2013.

Other candidates included Jeff Vernon, who received 18 percent or 148 votes. Vernon, 48, was a first-time candidate. Kelly Bates, an occupation supervisor at the University of Michigan Health Center, received 145 or 18 percent of the votes.

Also on the ballot was Gwen Hooks who garnered 94 votes or 11 percent of the total. This was her first bid for public office. She is employed as a Health Research Science Specialist.

Marcotte and Fielder will each serve 4-year terms on the Belleville City Council.

Romulus

Voters in Romulus chose seven candidates to serve on the city council for the next four years, and returned incumbent Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff, Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg and Treasurer Stacy Paige to office.

Voters also opted to approve one proposal from the Romulus Schools while defeating another.

Burcroff and Craig-Bragg were unopposed in their bids for re-election while Paige was challenged by Ursula L. Wester. Paige received 2,518 votes or 70 percent of the total while Wester garnered 1,073 votes or 29 percent of the total.

Top vote getter in the city council race was incumbent John Barden who received 2,376 votes, or 12 percent of the total. He was followed closely by first-time candidate Tina Talley with 2,065 votes or 11 percent of the total. Incumbent William Wadsworth, the longest-serving member of the council, won 1,996 votes, or 10 percent of the total while incumbent Kathy Abdo received 1,872 votes or 10 percent of the votes cast. Incumbent Celeste Roscoe won 1,646 votes or 8 percent of the total.

Long-time civic activist Virginia Williams won her first term on the council with 1,609 votes or 8 percent of the total and Eva Webb, a former councilwoman, garnered 1,405 votes, or 7 percent of the total.

The council terms are 4-years.

Candidate Edward Martell received 1,201 votes, Sharon Walker garnered 1,101 votes, incumbent Harry Crout received 1,011 votes, Tomeka Boles received 852 votes, Paris McCarthy received 843 votes and Jess McAnally was the choice of 700 voters.

The school district requested voter approval of two proposals, Hold Harmless and Sinking Fund. The Hold Harmless proposal was approved by voters with 53 percent, or 2,097 yes votes as opposed to 1,824 or 46 percent no votes. The Sinking Fund proposal, however, was narrowly defeated, with 2,034 no votes, or 51 percent of the totals, and 1,890 yes votes, or 48 percent of the ballots cast.

The current sinking fund expires next year and the Hold Harmless, a renewal/reduction from 5.1314 to 2.5 mills, expired last year.

The Sinking Fund would have been an increase from .075 mills to 3 mills and would have cost taxpayers about $3 for every taxable $1,000 in property value.

"Obviously, the board of education, while thankful the community supported the Hold Harmless operating millage, which will not raise their taxes beyond what they paid in 2016, is disappointed that the Sinking Fund issue failed to gather enough community support to pass," said Robert McLachlan, secretary of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education.

"The needs are not going away, and repairs will only cost more as time goes by. The board of education has already ordered the closure of the athletic complex at the middle school due to safety issues we cannot afford to address at this time.

"The board has not discussed whether another attempt to place the issue on the ballot or not. The board will, however, begin having conversations about what facilities we will be able to continue to maintain while balancing the need to continue, and improve, our academic program for the students we serve," McLachlan said.

The Sinking Fund money could only have been used for facility repairs and maintenance to the school buildings, which are, on average, 50 years old. Sinking Fund money was also earmarked for technological updates, security camera updates, lighting, carpet, tile, boilers, water tanks, roofs, parking lots, athletic football/soccer/track facilities and other repairs. These funds cannot be used for salaries.

The Hold Harmless levy authorization will not increase taxes over the amount property owners paid last year. The Hold Harmless millage asked for a maximum levy of 2.5 mills - while the previously authorized levy was more than twice that, at 5.1314 mills. Last year, officials said, Romulus Community Schools levied only 1.3137 mills, which is the expected levy with the approval of the request last week.

Changes

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lic hearing," she added. "The planning commission holds the public hearing and that's where resident input comes. That's what's important. It's at the public hearing level that we pick up the stuff that we don't pick up as part of a standard review."

Council members said they liked the concept of streamlining development, but were concerned about the commission granting final approval on some uses.

"I think we, as a body, are elected by the people to represent them," said Councilwoman Kathy Abdo. "The planning commission, although they do a wonderful job, but they don't have to answer to the people like we do."

She also pointed out that the council meets three times a month and can get approval for a special and use on the agenda a week after the planning commission votes on it, if necessary.

Councilman William Wadsworth agreed. "If someone gets something built next to them and they want to complain, they call us. They don't call the planning commission," he said, adding that the planning commission, according to the city charter, is just a recommending body. "We have a good system and I think it works."

Councilwoman Celeste Roscoe, who said she attends planning commission meetings, said the commission is always thorough in their review and they catch any potential negative issues when they look at proposed developments.

"[A project] doesn't just scoot on through the first time or even the second time," she said. "Usually by the time everything is buttoned up and put in place, all the issues have really been taken care of. It's a very good group of people that sit on the planning commission and they're very knowledgeable and they go through everything with a fine-toothed comb."

The council did not act on the proposed amendments. Maise said she would tweak the proposal and bring it back before the council at a future date.

Councilwoman Sylvia Makowski said she would be open to the idea of stream-lining the process if council agrees on the way it is handled.

"I do like that [we're] looking to streamline it; I think that's a positive," she said. "I've heard in the past that it's a little difficult to do business in Romulus and we don't want that perception."

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59. Auctions

**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION**

On November 21, 2017 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2000 Chevrolet
MONTE CARLO
2G1WW12E3Y9211873
2008 HONDA CRV
5J6RE48538L040772
2001 FORD FOCUS
1FAFP343X1W346640
2009 FORD FOCUS
1FAHP33N09W202926
2006 FORD FOCUS
1FAFP34N96W199543
2003 PONTIAC
GRAND AM
1G2NW12E83C177857
2008 CHEVROLET
IMPALA
2G1WB58KX81274466
2004 LINCOLN TOWN
CAR
1LNHM81W24Y634910
1996 TOYOTA TACOMA
4TAWM72N0TZ140206
1996 VOLVO 850
YV1LS5543T1335987
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ZA
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2002 PONTIAC MONTANA
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*All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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2001 GMC
1GKCS18W61K199944
2006 HONDA
2HGFG12896H512554
2005 DODGE
1D4HB48N95F568131
2008 SATURN
3GADL63768S594316
1998 GMC
1GKCT18WK524555
2002 BUICK
1G4HD54KX2U150664
2004 MAZDA
JM1BK343941200819
2006 LINC
3LNHM26186R623552
1996 MAZDA
4F4CR17U3TTM29595
2006 FORD
3FAHP07186R167766
2003 CAD
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON TRUTH-IN-TAXATION

**ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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A Public Hearing on its proposed 2017 Hold Harmless millage tax levies will be held by the Board of Education of the Romulus Community School District on:

**Monday, November 20, 2017
at 5:45 p.m.
in the
Board of Education Office
36540 Grant Road
Romulus, MI 48174**

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED L-4029 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE ROMULUS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. ON November 17, 2017

Romulus Board of Education

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INKSTER - PLYMOUTH

Voters select new city commissioners

City of Plymouth voters returned incumbent City Commissioners Oliver Wolcott and Dan Dalton to office along with choosing Ed Krol and Nicholas Moroz to serve terms on the commission.

Wolcott received 973 votes to win his second 4-year term while Krol garnered 964 votes, just nine shy of Wolcott's total. This was the second campaign for a term on the commission for Krol.

Moroz followed closely with 922 votes followed by Dalton with 872 votes. The top three finishers will serve 4-year terms while Dalton, as the fourth highest vote getter, will serve a 2-year term.

Write-in candidate Dave Latawiec most likely received the majority of the 502 votes cast for a write-in by voters. Latawiec joined the race as a write-in after the filing deadline in an effort to offer an option to voters in an uncontested race with four candidates for four seats.

The winners will join current commission members Suzi Deal, Colleen Pobur and Mike Wright.

Both Mayor Dan Dwyer and Commissioner Joseph Valenti opted not to seek re-election to the commission this year.

Veterans' exhibit continues at library

The Plymouth District Library is again collecting photos of veterans and active military personnel for the traditional "Honoring Our Veterans" display.

Photos can be emailed to print@plymouthlibrary.org The library staff can also scan original photos upon request. No personal information will be displayed with the photographs.

Following the 2016 display, the Plymouth Library was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Chapter Support by the Association of the United States Army (AUSA).

Plymouth resident Jim Burrows is one of the leaders of the Arsenal of Democracy Chapter of the AUSA.

"The library has greatly enhanced our chapter's ability to provide continued support to veterans and family members of the America's military. We have been very pleased with the November display at the library," he said.

The library display will also feature a "white table" in November. Traditionally, the table is set with a white tablecloth, a black napkin, white candle, and a plate with a slice of lemon and salt. An empty chair leans against the table. The display is modeled after the table in the children's book America's White Table, written by Margot Theis Raven and illustrated by Mike Benny. It is available for check-out at the library.

The tradition, little known to the general public, of setting an empty table with a white tablecloth in remembrance of prisoners of war and those missing in action, began with a group of fighter pilots who flew in Vietnam. What was started by the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, the so-called River Rats of Vietnam - has, during the intervening years, spread to other branches of the military where remembrance tables, or "missing-man tables", are set when units or commands gather for dinners or reunions.

For more information about the display, call (734) 453-0750, ext 4. The library is located at 223 South Main St. in Plymouth.

Holiday raffle under way

Sales of tickets for the Annual Inkster Legends Christmas Raffle are now under way and sales are going well, according to founder and director Fred Smiley.

Every year, the Inkster Legends raffle pays for holiday groceries and gifts for 100 less fortunate Inkster families.

This year the annual raffle will include a grand prize of two tickets to see the Houston Rockets vs. the Detroit Pistons at Little Caesar's Arena Jan. 6, 2018. First prize is a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel with breakfast and second prize will be four tickets to The Henry Ford museum. Third prize is a birthday party blast for 15 people at the Romulus Athletic Center and fourth prize is two racks of lamb from Fairway meats in Detroit. Fifth prize is a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel and sixth prize is a Garmin GPS Navigation system. Seventh, Eighth and Ninth prizes are dinner for two at Urban Soul, dinner for two at They Say and dinner for two at Red Lobster. Bonus prize this year is a $25 gift certificate at Famous Ford Garage restaurant in Dearborn and the bonus grand prize is a family package for four people to see the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters at Little Caesar's Arena.

> *"All proceeds from the raffle go to the Christmas Giveaway."*

Tickets for the raffle of all these prizes is a $10 donation and winners need not be present to win, Smiley said. "All proceeds from the raffle go to the Christmas Giveaway."

The drawing for the raffle will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

"This fundraiser will really help in our efforts to provide 100 families in Inkster with a great Christmas," Smiley said. "We also accept donations and to donate or for more information go to www.inksterlegends.com and click on contact us."

For raffle tickets contact Smiley at (734) 890-2478, Daniel Orr (313) 715-6700 or Larry Spencer (313) 520-8144.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 23, 2017

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Crout** seconded by **Wadsworth** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-336 2A. Moved by **Abdo** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 9, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3A. Petitioner: No Action Taken. (City Planner, Carol Maise, gave an overview of the proposed special land use requirements and procedures.)
4. Chairperson's Report:
Debbie Schutt, from the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance, (state-wide non-profit organization) recognized the Romulus Ordinance Department as being the City that is the "most improved" when it comes to finding homes for cats and dogs. A plaque was given to the department along with a check in the amount of $2,000 to help the Ordinance Department to continue their efforts. Mark Edwards, Coordinator of School Relations, Romulus Community Schools, shared a power-point presentation regarding the upcoming school proposals and the needed repairs of the school buildings.
17-337 4A. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jeannette Woods. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-338 4B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Josie Hardrict. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Police Captain, Joshua Monte, and Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Krause recognized Freddie King and Ryan Stockton, Jr. for their heroic efforts during the Barrington Apartments fire in September, 2017. The young boys were presented a proclamation from the mayor, Pistons game tickets and new bicycles. Mayor Burcroff announced that the City of Romulus credit rating has been upgraded from an A+ to an AA- and from "adequate" to "strong". Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
17-339 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the amended Aerotropolis Interlocal Agreement. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-340 5B. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-07 to the lowest bidder, Jack Demmer Ford, for the acquisition of a Ford Transit Van for the City of Romulus, Cable Department in the amount of $23,708.58. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-341 5C. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the language of the bid documents for Bid ITB 17/18-08 allowing for all emergency and non-emergency electrical work to be completed in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00.
17-342 5D. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-09 for motor oil, solvents, lubricants and anti-freeze for the City of Romulus, DPW to Chapp & Bushey Oil Company at the prices guaranteed in their bid for twelve months from the date of the signing of the contract. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-343 5E. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the purchase of playground equipment for the Romulus Historical Park through CDBG Recreation Facilities funds under the quote submitted by GameTime/Sinclair Recreation, in the amount of $17,087.15. Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo inquired if the equipment is wood or concrete. It is concrete made to look like wood. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-344 5F. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the amendment to the previously approved contract between George W. Auch Company and the City of Romulus for management services for construction of the new 34th District Court building. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-345 5G. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the amendment for additional services proposal from Wade Trim, for Professional Design and Permitting Services associated with the Vining Road Project in an amount not to exceed $39,400.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-346 5H. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement between Omo Farms, Clinton River Wetland Mitigation Bank and the City of Romulus for the purchase of .77 acres of wetland credit for $84,900.00, contingent on the sale of bonds.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-347 5I. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and approve no-fee permits issued by the City for any permits associated with the renovations of the DDA Building located at 35255 Goddard Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-348 5J. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve a one-year contract extension (contract approved by Resolution #16-162) of the existing service contract for Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance transportation with Beaumont Mobile Health. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-349 5K. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into the Commercial Lease Agreement for Fire Station #3 at 6900 Wayne Road with Beaumont Mobile Health to commence on November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-350 5L. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointment of Wanda Sanchez to the City of Romulus Officer Compensation Commission with a term to expire on June 24, 2024. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-351 5M. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a four-year professional services agreement with Plante and Moran for auditing and consulting services through completion of the 2021 FYE audit. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-352 5N. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration to increase contractual services to cover MDEQ costs. (Budget Amendment 17/18-11).

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority				
Expenditures:				
243-000-818.000	Contractual Services	-	150	150
Fund Balance				
243-000-390.000	Unassigned Fund Balance	31,162	(150)	31,012

To increase contractual services to cover MDEQ costs. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-353 5O. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration to increase the project budget to cover associated costs with the Vining Road/Ecorse Road improvements. (Budget Amendment 17/18-12).

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Vining Road Ext – Ecorse Rd Construction				
Expenditures:				
402-000-980.001	Project Costs	666,000	1,600,000	2,266,000
Revenues				
402-000-674.297	Continuation from Others	666,000	1,600,000	2,266,000

To increase the project budget to cover associated costs with the Vining Road/Ecorse Road improvements.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-354 5P. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and adopt the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2017B (Limited Tax General Obligation) for the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of the new court facility in an amount not to exceed $17,000,000. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that the Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and that is the last day an absentee ballot can be mailed to a voter. Monday, November 6th is the last day to obtain an absentee ballot and the ballot must be voted in person at city hall. Two residents spoke about the "Renters Ordinance" which is under 6A6 on the agenda.
17-355 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Makowski** to introduce an amendment to add to the Romulus Code of Ordinances Chapter 52, Article VI, to Regulate Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) and Similar Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-356 6A2. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to introduce an amendment to City of Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, Article V, Entitled Offenses Against Public Peace to add Section 36-171 "Requirements of Property Owners to Prohibit Disorderly Persons from Use or Possession of Property." Discussion: Police Captain Monte gave an overview of the ordinance amendment **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-357 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Choate** to introduce the addition to the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, Article II, (a new section) to Prevent Distracted Driving in the City of Romulus. Discussion: Police Captain Monte gave an overview of the ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-358 6A4(a). Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve the following excess city-owned parcels be listed for sale for a period of six months with a local realtor/broker selected by Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes. The listing agreement shall provide that the sale is subject to Council approval:

80 014 03 0174 000: vacant land located on Essex
80 015 99 0033 000: vacant land located on Vinewood
80 041 99 0005 701: vacant land located on Smith
80 042 01 0032 000 & 80 042 01 0033 000: vacant land located on Colbert
80 077 05 0051 000 & 80 077 05 0053 000: vacant land located at Goddard & Grover
80 077 28 0012 000: vacant land located on Whitehorn.

Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-359 6A4(b). Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve that the excess city-owned parcels listed below be let out for bid to be sold as a single bid/package with the intent that the parcels be grouped together with adjacent parcels to create large scale development. These parcels are not able to be assembled into a large scale development parcel except by someone who owns a significant number of adjoining parcels. Individual bids for individual parcels will not be considered.

80 044 01 0744 303	80 044 01 1269 000
80 044 01 0762 300	80 044 01 1304 000
80 044 01 0812 300	80 044 01 1329 002
80 044 01 0826 000	80 044 01 1336 300
80 044 01 0853 000	80 044 01 1354 300
80 044 01 0898 002	80 044 01 1397 300
80 044 01 0936 000	80 044 02 1757 000
80 044 01 1217 300	80 044 99 0004 000
80 044 01 1260 300	

Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-360 6A4(c). Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve that the following unbuildable excess city-owned parcels be offered to the adjacent property owners:

80 131 01 0099 300: vacant land located on Edmund
80 131 01 0193 301: vacant land located on California
80 131 01 0261 300: vacant land located on California

Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-361 6A5. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-10, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of October 9, 2017.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-362 6A6. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to introduce an amendment to the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances, Article VII to add Sections 8-238 to 8-249 to Provide for Registration of Rental Properties in the City of Romulus. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski commented that she would like to consider the feedback received from residents. Councilman Wadsworth suggested that the registration period be changed to five years and Councilwoman Abdo agreed with that suggestion. Councilwoman Choate asked if the $100 fee is per home; and the answer is yes it is per home. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that the winter tax bills will be mailed to property owners on December 1, 2017. She gave a review of the various ways that the Treasurer's Office is able to receive tax payments which includes paying in person, drop box in front of city hall, by phone with a credit card, city website and kiosks with the closest kiosk location at the Rite Aid Store on Telegraph Road in Taylor. Partial payments can also be accepted. Any questions contact the Treasurer's Office.
7. Public Comment:
A resident encouraged everyone to vote. Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees spoke about the brave young men who alerted residents during the Barrington Apartments fire.
8. Unfinished Business:
Councilman Wadsworth commented on a bridge being repaired in Huron Township. Councilwoman Abdo spoke about fraudulent calls being made from 517- 484-1427, regarding the Election. Mayor Burcroff spoke about how elected officials donated a portion of their salaries back to the City during hard financial times; however, the donors did not announce their generosity to the public.
9. New Business: None.
10. Communication: None.
17-363 11. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 17-20 in the amount of 4,744,238.85. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 23, 2017.

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Calendar of events

Lighted Parade in Northville

The annual Holiday Lighted Parade in Northville is set for 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 17. The theme this year is the Island of Misfits. Parade highlights include the appearance of the Northville High School Marching Band, floats adorned with festive lighting, marchers decked out in holiday gear, a fully lit fire Engine and the appearance of everyone's favorite jolly elf, Santa Claus. Bring the whole family to Town Square to enjoy hot chocolate and take a family photo with holiday characters before and after the parade, compliments of the local churches; Northville Christian Assemble, Hilltop Church and First Baptist Church of Northville.

The parade begins on Cady Street, behind the Community Center and will head north on Wing Street to Main, west on Main to Linden, north on Linden to Dunlap, east on Dunlap to Hutton, Hutton south to Main, west on Main to Center , south on Center to Cady, west on Cady to return to the Community Center.

Following the parade, head over to Northville Town Square for the official community sing along, led by Tina Genitti. Mayor Ken Roth and Citizen of the Year, Chuck Lapham will greet Santa and officially light the Town Square tree.

The Holiday Lighted Parade is sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford. For more information on the Northville Holiday Parade, contact the Chamber of Commerce, www.northville.org or call (248) 349-7640.

Parade entries sought

Entries for the Winter Fest Parade Dec. 2 are now being accepted at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main St., Belleville, 48111.

Rules for parade entries require that the vehicle must be decorated with working lights. Vehicles with headlights that remain should cover them during participation as headlights distract other participants and judges. Music, however, is welcome.

For more information, or an entry form, contact the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce at (734) 697-7151.

Kung Fu classes offered

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a six-week Kung Fu class designed for children and adults. The classes will take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 19 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The class is taught in a traditional environment that allows students to learn at their own pace. Students are required to wear black uniforms that can be purchased in class. Cost for this class is $47 for city of Plymouth residents and $62 for non-residents.

Registration can be found online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Potters Guild sale set

The Village Potters Guild will host the Holiday Pottery Sale Nov. 16, 17 and 18. The sale will feature original handmade pottery from more than 20 artists all crafted in Plymouth.

Hours for the sale from 5-8 p.m. today, Nov. 16 and from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. both Friday, Nov. 18, and Saturday, Nov. 18.

Items include a large variety of ceramic pieces including mugs, bowls decorative items and sculpture. The Potters Guild is located at 326 N. Main in Plymouth.

For more information (734) 207-8807 or www.villagepottersguild.org

Christmas Tea is served

A Christmas Tea will be served at the Wayne Public Library at 1 -3 p.m. Nov. 18. The tea, catered by Victoria's Tea Salon, is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Cost is $35 per person, or $240 for a table of 8.

Tickets are available at the library circulation desk. For more information, call (734) 721-7832.

The library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

Thanksgiving celebration planned

Service Builder Foundation, Inc. the 501 © 3 Affiliate of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Eta Iota Omega Chapter will host a Thanksgiving Dinner from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

For more information, contact Margaret William at (734) 326-5464.

Holiday Bell concert set

The combined bell choirs of Plymouth churches will present a Handbell Festival Concert at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth at 4 p.m. Nov. 19.

More than 40 handbell ringers will join in celebrating the Thanksgiving season with a program featuring music performed by all of the choirs ringing together, and by each bell choir individually. The concert will also include audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns.

Admission is free; an offering will be received to benefit the Salvation Army.

First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road, a mile east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance.

The concert is open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Fire Chief is speaker

Romulus Fire Chief David Allison will be the speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce business luncheon beginning at 11.30 Nov. 21.

The luncheon will take place at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, 31800 Smith Road in Romulus.

Seating is limited and RSVPs will be accepted at (734)893-0694 through Nov. 17. The cost is $20 for chamber members and $25 for non members.

Bake sale set at police station

A Bake Sale is planned from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the Inkster Police Department lobby. The station is located at 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

The sale is being organized by the Inkster Commission on Aging and the Inkster Police Department. Proceeds will be used to support community outreach in Inkster.

Underwater Bubble Show appears

Audiences can dive into an underwater fantasy world when "B-The Underwater Bubble Show" comes to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The underwater world is brought to life through puppetry, acrobatics, and a little magic. Two of the foremost bubble artists in the world, Enrico Pezzoli and Dace Pecoli, create an underwater fantasy world with the help of LED screens, lights, and signature bubbles. This unique performance is a sensational fairytale for the entire family.

Performances have been scheduled at both 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. Tickets are on sale now online at www.villagetheatercanton.com, at the box office from 10 a.m. until 2p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at (734) 394-5484.

Santa arrives in Plymouth

Santa will arrive just in time for the official tree lighting in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

The official welcoming ceremony is set for 6-8 p.m. Nov. 28 when the mayor and city officials will welcome Santa to town in a fire truck.

Craft bazaar opens

The Annual Craft Bazaar and Open House is set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The admission-free Craft Bazaar is a holiday tradition in the community and will feature crafts including knitting, ceramics, jewelry and recycled art. Santa will be in attendance and visitors can also explore the special museum exhibit, Celebrating Plymouth-150 Years.

For more information, visit plymouthhistory.org.

Baseball coach clinic set

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host a Baseball Coach Clinic from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Join Dan Wolocko PT, SCS, CSCS as he leads and moderates discussions with evidence-based support for a variety of coaching approaches and pitching techniques. Wolocko is a board-certified Clinical Specialist in sports physical therapy and a Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Cost is $40 for city of Plymouth residents and $42 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Seniors celebrate Christmas

The Inkster Commission on Aging Annual Christmas Party is planned for 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

The party will take place at the Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road, in Inkster.

Tickets will be sold only in advance and no tickets will be available at the door.

Tickets are $8 for members and $10 for non members and can be purchased at the Twin Towers or the recreation complex.

Tickets are limited. For more information, call (313) 561-2382. Sales will begin Nov. 15.

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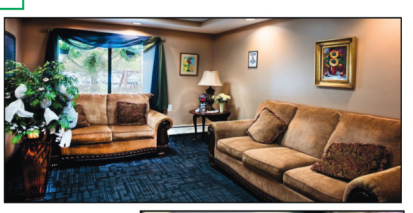

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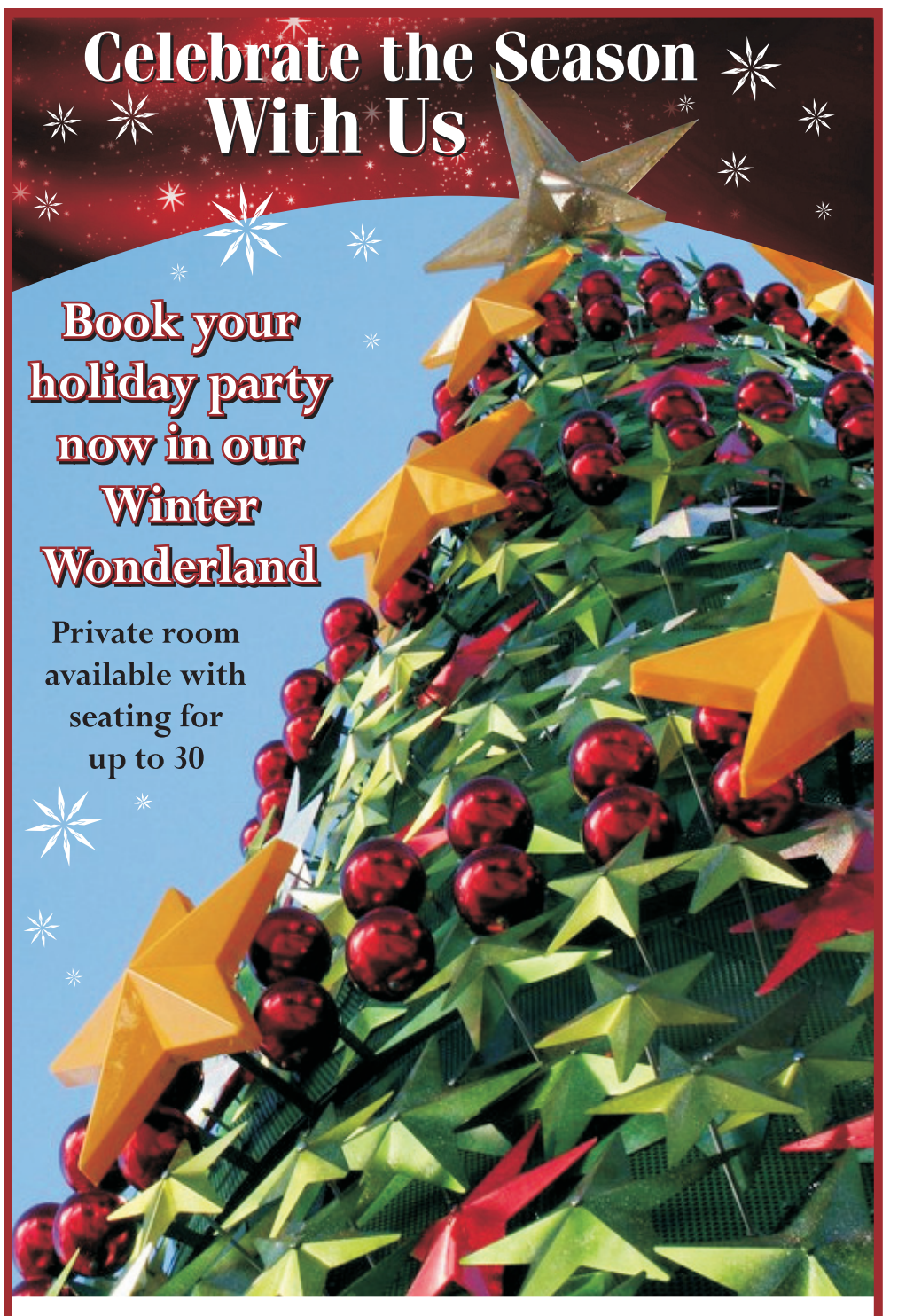
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